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Red River and You Teachers Institute Coordinator Receives Education Award

Kim Belgarde, Coordinator of Red River and You Teachers Institute recently received the River Keepers (www.riverkeepers.org) Education Award. This award recognizes leadership in education that has contributed to a better understanding of the water resources and impact of the Red River on the basin's history, environment, and recreation. Kim is a 4th grade teacher at Bennett Elementary in Fargo and she incorporates stream-tables, rain barrels, and rain gardens into her lessons and is active in leading water activities for community events as well. "She makes the connection that makes all of our work possible" according to Bob Backman, Director of River Keepers. Kim leads activities during all 4 days of the Red River Water Festival coordinated by River Keepers and coordinates the Red River and You Teachers Institute hosted by the International Water Institute each summer (www.internationalwaterinstitute.org).

Kim received a limited edition, numbered print of a bridge across the Red River. "A fitting symbol of what this honoree has done for River Keepers" Bob explains.



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